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From:

To:

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Chief Executive Officer

CONTRACTING PROCEDURE – COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT CAP FOR SERVICES CONTRACTS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012-13: GENERAL SALARY MOVEMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FY 2011-12

On January 29, 2002, the Board of Supervisors adopted a revised County policy for cost of living adjustments (COLA) for multi-year services contracts (Policy No. 5.070 of the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual). The revised policy provides that a COLA adjustment, if incorporated in services contracts, be <u>capped</u> at the **lesser** of:

- The most recently published percentage change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the 12-month period preceding the contract anniversary date; or
- The general salary movement percentage for County employees for the 12-month period preceding the prior July 1st.

With regard to the general salary movement number, the pertinent figure in any fiscal year (FY) will always be determined by a retrospective look at the prior fiscal year. For example, contract COLA adjustments in FY 2012-13 will be calculated in light of general County salary movement in FY 2011-12. Likewise, COLA adjustments in FY 2013-14 will be calculated based on general County salary movement in FY 2012-13.

This is to confirm that there are no general salary adjustments in the County's various memoranda of understanding applicable to FY 2011-12. Therefore, there should be no COLA adjustments taking effect in FY 2012-13. A separate determination will be made next year with regard to COLA adjustments taking effect on or after July 1, 2013.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Napoleon Valera at (213) 893-2259 or James Hazlett at (213) 974-1148, respectively.

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